

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Inventory Number: BA- 866
Address: 8808 Harford Road (MD 147) Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Parkville Zip Code: 21234 County: Baltimore County
USGS Quadrangle(s): Towson
Property Owner: Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Tax Account ID Number: 0919000670
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 606 Tax Map Number: 71
Project: MD-147 Parkville Streetscape Project Agency: SHA
Agency Prepared By: EHT Traceries
Preparer's Name: Krista Gebbia Date Prepared: 5/2/2006

Documentation is presented in: _____

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

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Although associated with the rapid population growth and suburbanization trend in Parkville, Baltimore County, in the decades following the expansion of the streetcar line in 1918, and then following World War II, Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is not the best or earliest illustration of this growth and therefore does not qualify for eligibility under Criterion A. The property is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion B. The church is typical of mid-20th-century Gothic Revival style churches in Baltimore

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒

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MHT Comments:

Jim VanLandingham
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Rebecca
Reviewer, National Register Program

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Date

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County. Therefore, Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church does not qualify for eligibility under Criterion C. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D. In addition, the church and the cemetery were evaluated under Criteria Consideration A (Religious Properties) and Criteria Consideration D (Cemeteries). As typical example of a mid-20th-century Gothic Revival-style church, Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is not exemplary for its architectural or artistic distinction, nor does it possess exceptional historical importance because it was associated with an important non-religious event or significant religious event. The church currently serves as a religious structure, not as an investment property. Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery does not possess the markers of significant persons, exhibit distinctive design features, nor is it associated with any noteworthy historic events. Therefore, Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is not eligible under Criteria Consideration A and the Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery is not eligible under Criteria Consideration D.

This Gothic Revival church, built circa 1950, fronts southeast with a cemetery and a paved parking lot to the north. The random, ashlar-cut stone foundation supports a random Ashlar-cut stone structural system. Standing one-and-a-half stories tall and three bays wide, the church has a front gable roof with slate tiles and a parged concrete chimney on the exterior end. In the gabled parapet of the façade is a stained glass, pointed arch window with wood tracery placed above three, grouped pointed-arch stained-glass windows. The spandrel between the windows consists of stone quatrefoils. The windows have molded wood surrounds, a pointed-arch stone lintel, and stone sills. Flanking this large window are two, pointed-arch stained-glass windows with metal, diamond panes and stone surrounds. Projecting to the east are two wings, the smaller of which contains the main entry. The entry features two paneled double-leaf doors made with beaded vertical board. Each set of doors has wood surrounds, a pointed-arch, stone lintel, and a molded, stone tympanum. In the gable end of the wing's parapet is a metal, louvered vent with stone surrounds. In the hyphen connecting the two wings are three stained glass metal windows rectangular in shape that are grouped with a stone lintel containing three, pointed arches. The larger wing has eight paired 1/1 windows with square-edged wood surrounds, stone sills, and jack arch, stone lintels on the southeast elevation. Differences in building materials suggest that the main block was built in two stages with an additional four-bays in depth added to the original four bays. The southwest elevation of the original church has a random, Ashlar-cut stone belfry projecting from the roof in a gabled parapet. Including all eight bays of the main block and the addition, there are seven stained-glass metal windows rectangular in shape with stone surrounds, sills, and lintels. Also, there are twelve 1/1 windows with square-edged wood surrounds and stone lintels and sills. There are three flush metal doors that are single-leaf with one-light and molded wood surrounds. The rear of the addition is parged concrete with three pointed-arch stained glass windows grouped in a large pointed-arch stone lintel with parged concrete spandrels and stone sill.

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CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- '866

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8808 Harford Road

Baltimore, Baltimore County

1950 ca.

Public

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 866

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (preferred)
other Saint John's Lutheran Church

2. Location

street and number 8808 Harford Road not for publication
city, town Parkville vicinity
county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
street and number 8808 Harford Road telephone Not Available
city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21234

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber folio
city, town Towson tax map 71 tax parcel 606 tax ID number 0919000670

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1950-present

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1950 ca., 1970 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 4.227 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Towson Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1950, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church has been associated with the 4.227 acres of land known as tax parcel 606 of map 71 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 21, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

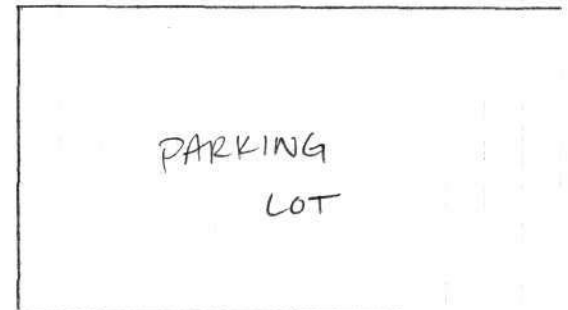
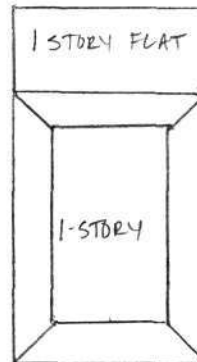
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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
BA- 866
ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
8808 HARFORD RD
PARKVILLE, MD
BALTIMORE COUNTY
NOT DRAWN TO SCALE



CEMETERY



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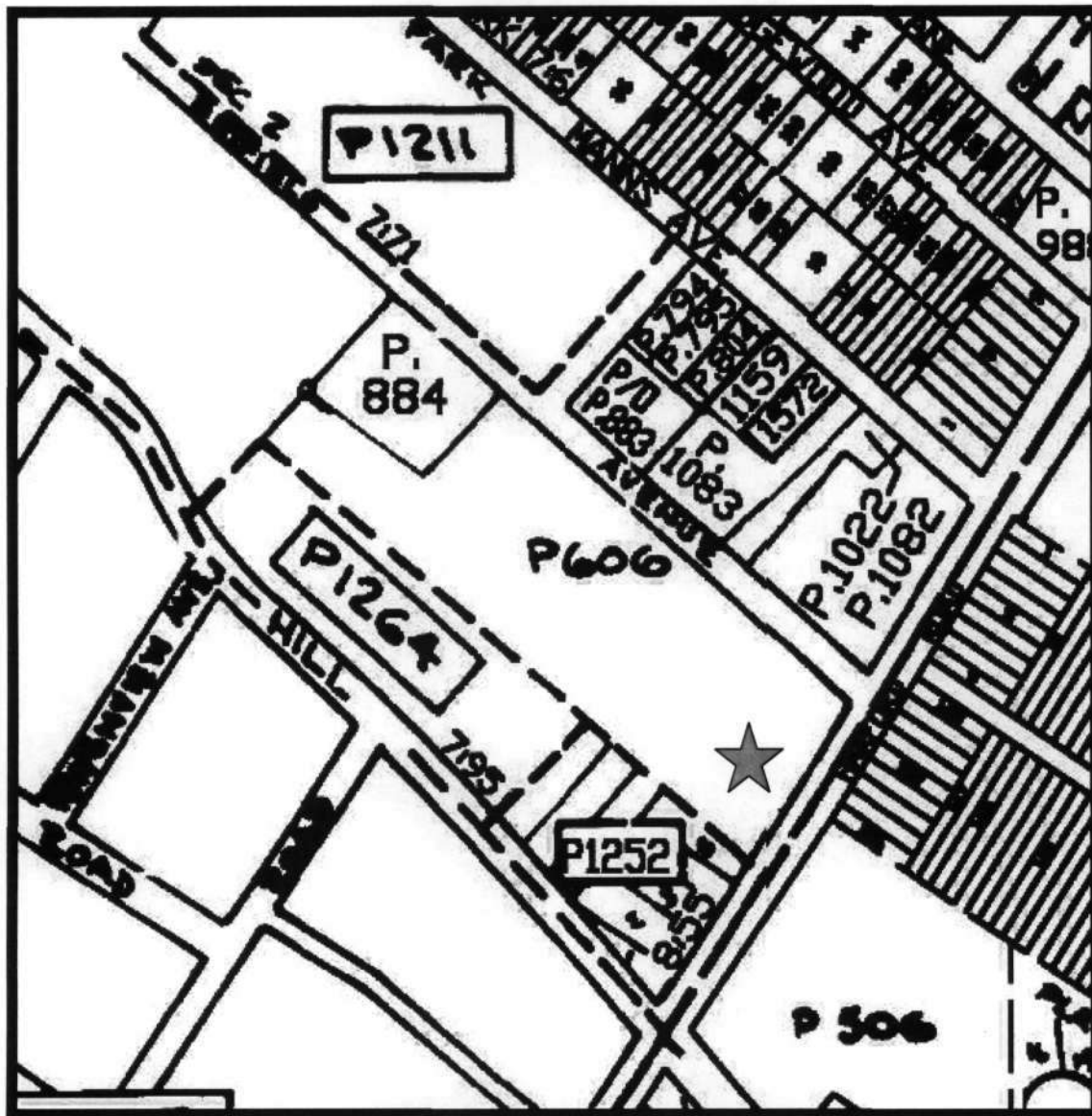
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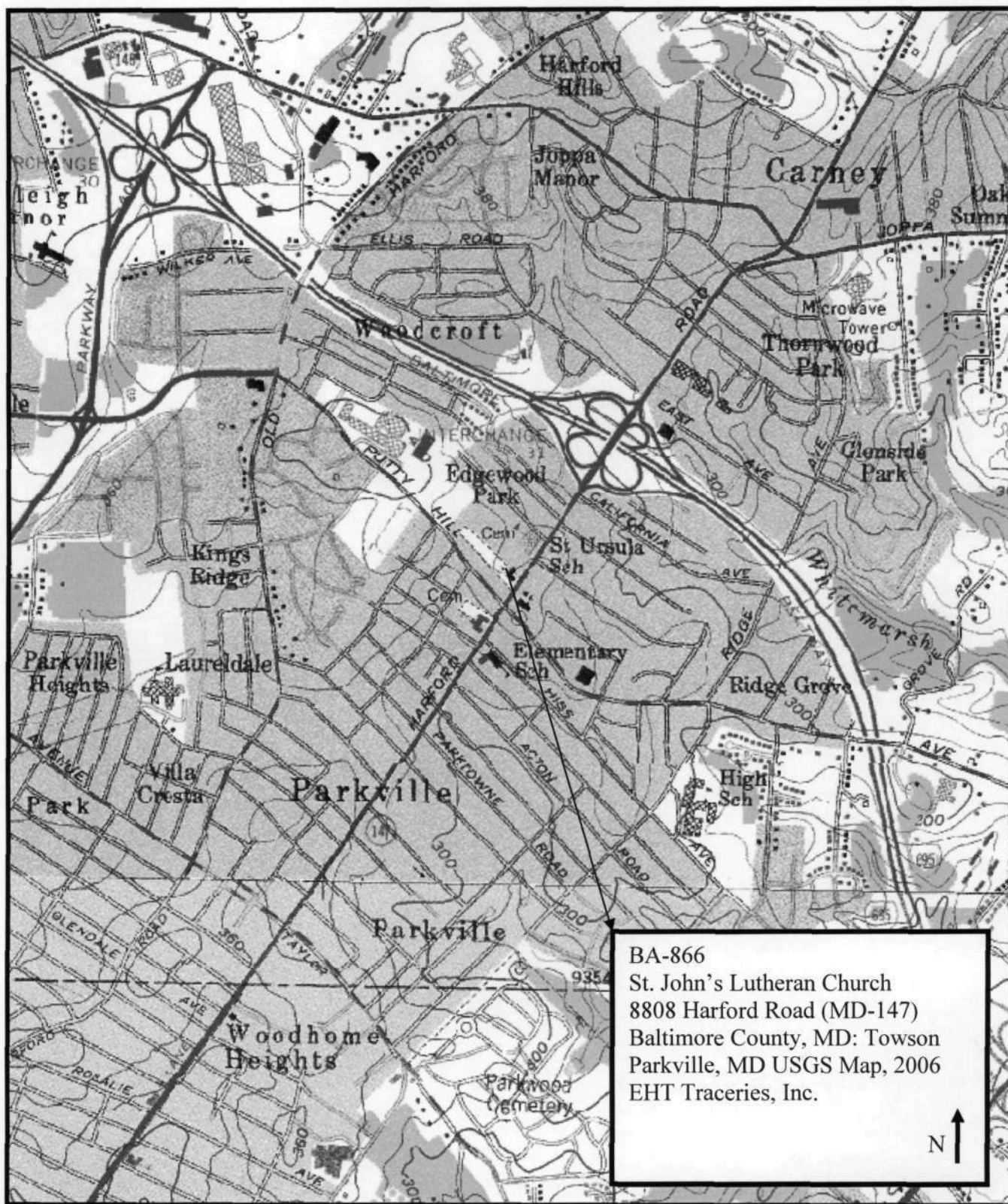
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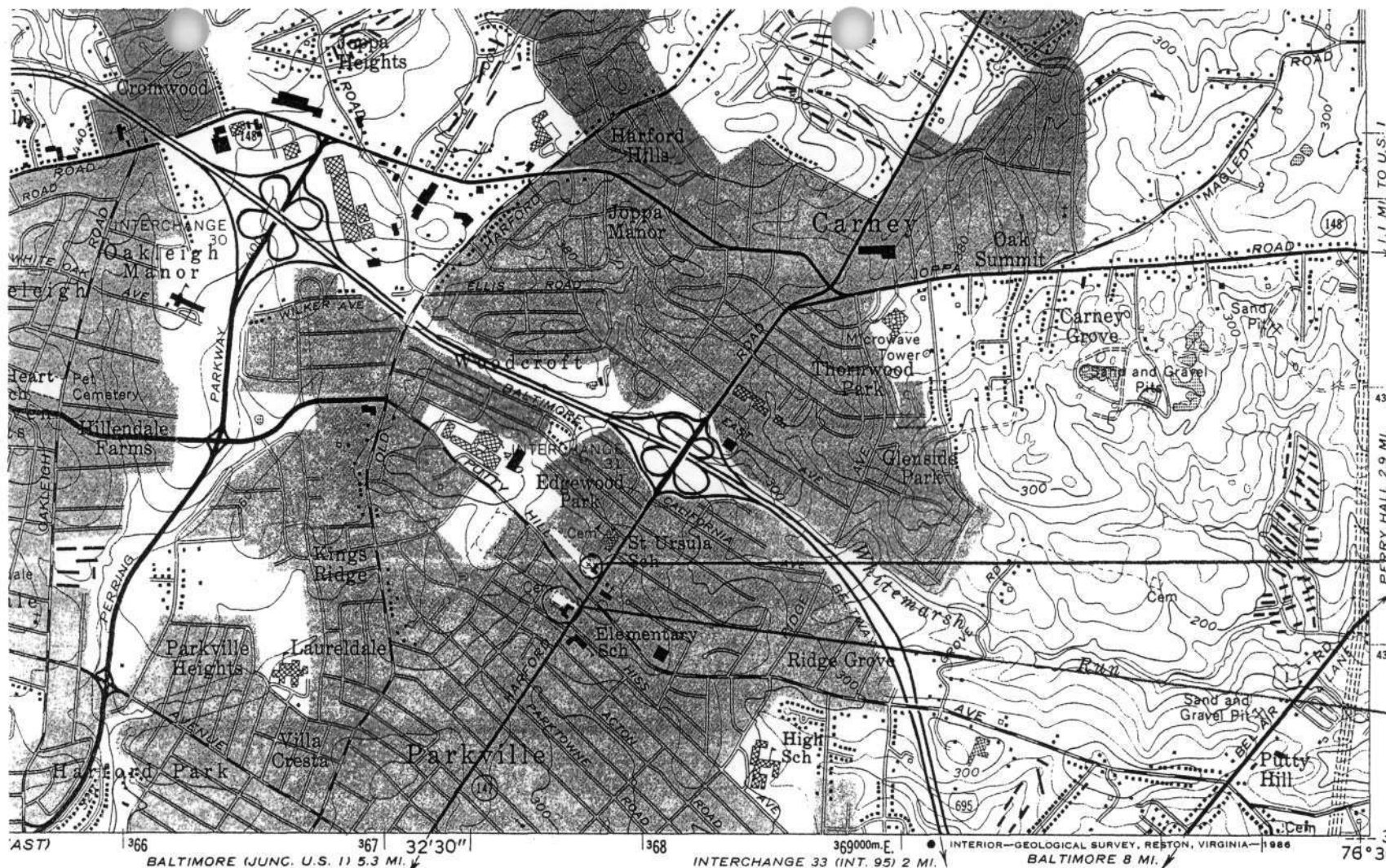
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 Map 71, Parcel 606
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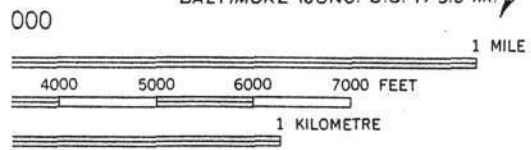




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AL DATUM OF 1929



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983,
move the projection lines 7 meters south and
28 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty _____ Light-duty _____
- Medium-duty _____ Unimproved dirt _____
- Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

TOWSON, MD.

NE/4 BALTIMORE 15' QUADRANGLE
39076-D5-TF-024

1957

PHOTOREVISED 1966 AND 1974

DMA 5662 I NE-SERIES V833

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
(EY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
) SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

8808 HARTFORD ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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APRIL 2006

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SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING NORTH



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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

8808 HARFORD ROAD

BALTIMORE, COUNTY, MARYLAND

EHT TRACERIES

APRIL 2000

MD SHPO

EAST ELEVATION, LOOKING WEST



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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
8808 HARFORD ROAD
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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APRIL 2006
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WEST ELEVATION, LOOKING EAST



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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

8808 HARFORD ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

EHT TRACERIES

APRIL 2006

MD SHPO

NORTH ELEVATION, LOOKING SOUTH WEST



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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

8808 HARFORD ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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NORTH ELEVATION AND REAR BUILDING, LOOKING SOUTH



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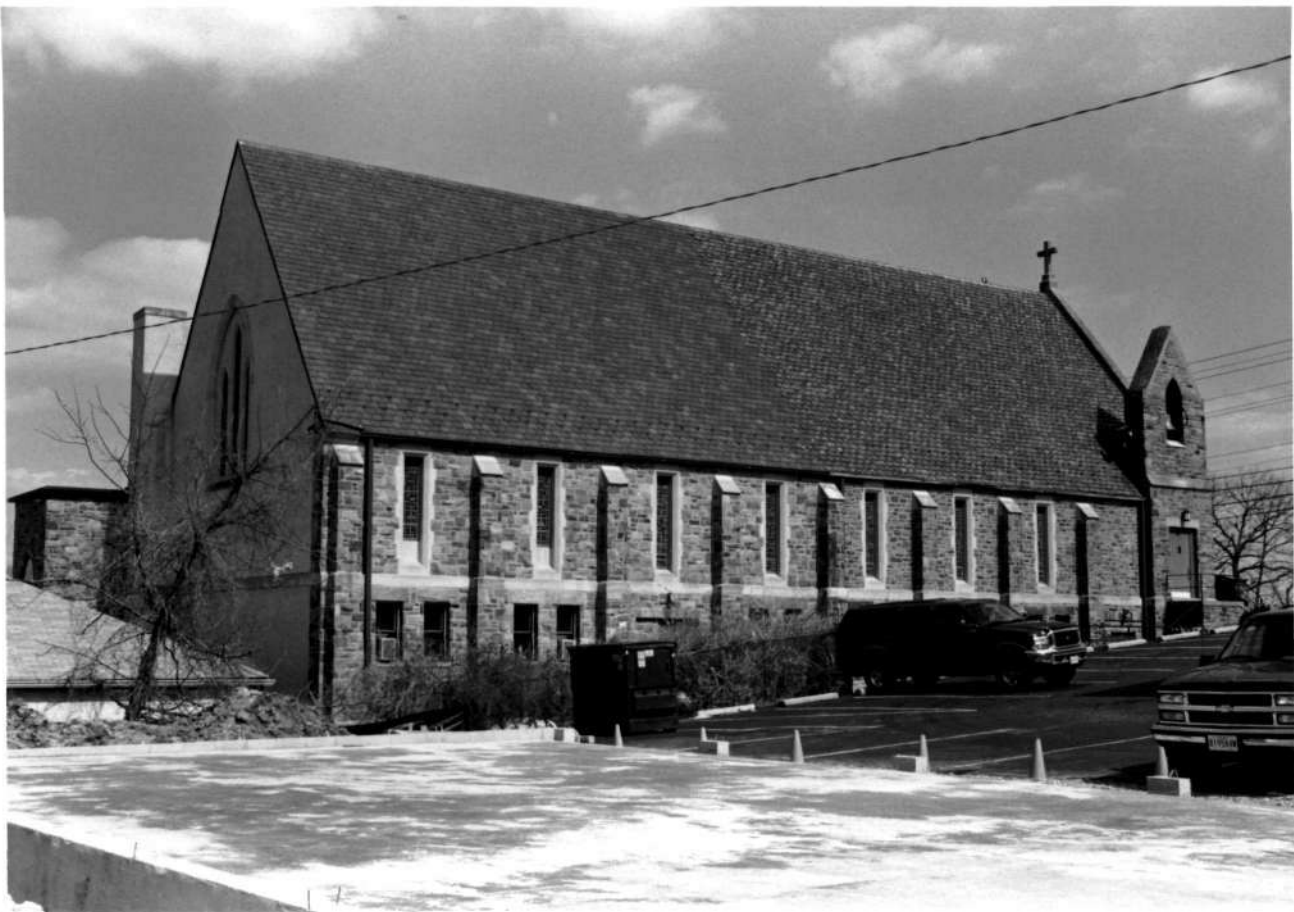
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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - No date - 8808 Harford Road. Erroneously assigned an Inventory Number. Not antique. The frame chapel of 1887 had been removed.